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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TURKISH EMBARGO --CONGRESSIONAL TIMETABLE

REF: STATE 156833 (DTG 202224Z JUN 78)

1. IN ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS WHO ARE VISITING USSR, ACTING CHIEF OF EMBASSY'S MUTUAL SECURITY AFFAIRS SECTION MORNING JUNE 21 CONVEYED INFORMATION ON CONGRESSIONAL TIMETABLE PER REFTEL TO HALUK OZGUL, MFA DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE AGREEMENTS. OZGUL, WHO HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT OF COUNSELOR NIMETZ'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL (PARA 4 REFTEL), COMMENTED THAT HE "HALF-EXPECTED" A DELAY IN CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE EMBARGO, BUT SAID HE WAS CONCERNED NEVERTHELESS THAT DELAY BEYOND MID-JULY OR SO COULD PLAY INTO HANDS OF THOSE FAVORING CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO, ESPECIALLY IF ACTION WERE DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER WHEN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONEERING WOULD BE IN FULL SWING. ALSO, OZGUL TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF REPEAL AS CONTAINED IN PARA 4 REFTEL. HE CONCLUDED
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BY SAYING HE APPRECIATED OUR NEW ASSESSMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL TIMING AND THAT IT WOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE "HIGHEST LEVELS".

2. OZGUL THEN SHOWED EMBOFF SIGNED LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH OZGUL SAID WOULD BE FORMALLY CONVEYED TO THE EMBASSY LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW. LETTER EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDENT, NOT ONLY FOR

HOSTING THE NATO SUMMIT, BUT ALSO FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL STRONG SUPPORT OF THE ARMS EMBARGO REPEAL. OZGUL COMMENTED THAT ORIGINAL DRAFT "BREAD-AND-BUTTER" LETTER PROPOSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS STRENGTHENED PERSONALLY BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO CONVEY HIS DEEP PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND TO EXPRESS HIS HOPES FOR REVITALIZED AND CLOSER TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS. (EMBASSY WILL CABLE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER WHEN IT IS RECEIVED; ORIGINAL SIGNED LETTER WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.)

3. COMMENT: OZGUL, WHO IS THE OFFICE-DIRECTOR LEVEL OFFICIAL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MOST INVOLVED ON A DAILY BASIS WITH U.S. RELATIONS, TOOK THE NEWS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELAY CALMLY AND PHILOSOPHICALLY, IN CONTRAST TO HIS AND OTHER GOT OFFICIALS' REACTIONS IN MARCH AND APRIL TO DELAYS IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED. NEVERTHELESS, TURKISH CONCERN COULD EASILY MOUNT IF IT IS PERCEIVED THAT A DECISION ON THE EMBARGO COULD BE DELAYED BEYOND LATE JULY. SPIERS

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